

## Shoe with Support Element

### Abstract Of The Disclosure

A shoe comprising a midsole, an outsole, an upper, a closure system and a sole  
5 stiffening member. The midsole has a midsole bottom surface and a midsole top  
surface. The outsole has an outsole forefoot portion and an outsole heel portion. The  
upper extends up from the midsole. The closure system is adapted for movement  
between a tensioned condition and a loosened condition. The sole stiffening member  
has a connecting portion, a medial wing portion and a lateral wing portion. The medial  
10 and lateral wing portions are positioned such that at least a portion of a straight line  
segment extending from the medial distal tip portion to the lateral distal tip portion is  
spaced over at least a portion of the midsole top surface.